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A volume of Mr. Petrie's work on the Round Towers of Ireland, was laid upon the table.

The Secretary read the following Report from the Council, which was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the Minutes :

" Among the occurrences of the past year, the Council have to notice the acquisition by the Academy of a considerable collection of Irish manuscripts. This collection was purchased from Messrs. Hodges and Smith for 1250 guineas ; of which sum so large a share as £600 was very liberally granted for the purpose by Her Majesty's Government. The remainder, with the exception of £100 contributed from the funds of the Academy, was raised by subscription from the Members of the Academy and the Public generally ; and the Council are gratified in referring to this new instance of the right feeling and proper spirit which have, of late years, been manifested in the case of national remains ; but, at the same time, they have to express their regret that the known existence of this feeling has had the effect of greatly increasing the price of such relics in the market.

" For the purpose of arranging and displaying the large collection of Antiquities now in the possession of the Academy, the room in which the meetings of the Academy used to be held has been converted into a Museum ; and, at the trifling expense of £150, a new Board Room has been fitted up, in which the meetings of the present Session have been held. For the economy with which these arrangements have been made, the Academy are mainly indebted to the suggestions of their excellent Assistant Librarian, Mr. Clibborn, who cheerfully sacrificed part of his own accommodation, in order that the proposed changes might be carried into effect. The regulation of the Museum, and the adoption of such measures as may be necessary for the security of the valuable collections therein deposited, are objects which the Council recommend to the immediate attention of their successors.

" The Council are informed that a volume by Mr. Petrie, on the Round Towers of Ireland, will be ready in a few days, and will be

laid on the table of the Academy at the Stated Meeting. This work will of course be submitted to the new Council before it is received as a part of the Transactions; and it will be the duty of the Council to report upon it to the Academy, with reference to the engagement entered into with Mr. Petrie.

“The number of Members elected during the past year has been unusually great. The following are their names:

“ **LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY, ELECTED SINCE
THE 16TH MARCH, 1844.**

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| 1. W. S. O'Brien, Esq., M. P. | 25. Marmion W. Savage, Esq. |
| 2. The Marquis of Kildare. | 26. Richard Sharp, Esq. |
| 3. W. H. Harvey, M. D. | 27. Robert Forster, Esq. |
| 4. Charles Hanlon, Esq. | 28. William Le Fanu, Esq. |
| 5. Maxwell M'Master, Esq. | 29. Rev. George Longfield. |
| 6. Thomas Oldham, Esq. | 30. John M. Neligan, M. D. |
| 7. Philip Reade, Esq. | 31. W. Justin O'Driscoll, Esq. |
| 8. Henry Roe, Esq. | 32. N. P. O'Gorman, Esq. |
| 9. Robert Wilson, Esq. | 33. Algernon T. Preston, Esq. |
| 10. Duke of Leinster. | 34. J. E. Tennant, Esq., M. P. |
| 11. Marquis of Downshire. | 35. Matthew Baker, Esq. |
| 12. Lord Farnham. | 36. P. Joseph Blake, Esq. |
| 13. Lord Wallscourt. | 37. John D'Arcy, Esq. |
| 14. Robert S. Bradshaw, Esq. | 38. Rev. N. John Halpin. |
| 15. Thomas Davis, Esq. | 39. Samuel Haughton, Esq. |
| 16. Sir Richard Franklin. | 40. William Hogan, Esq., C. E. |
| 17. Edmund Getty, Esq. | 41. James Macdonnell, Esq., C. E. |
| 18. G. A. Hamilton, Esq., M. P. | 42. Right Hon. David R. Pigot. |
| 19. Henry G. Hughes, Esq. | 43. M. R. Sausse, Esq. |
| 20. H. James, Esq. (Capt. R. E.) | 44. Walter Sweetman, Esq. |
| 21. Francis L'Estrange, Esq. | 45. R. W. Townsend, Esq., C. E. |
| 22. Edward Lucas, Esq. | 46. Alexander Taylor, M. D. |
| 23. John Phillips, Esq. | 47. George Yeates, Esq. |
| 24. T. N. Redington, Esq., M.P. | |

“ Total elected, from 16th of March, 1844, to 16th March, 1845,
—forty-seven.

" The following are the Members deceased within the year :

Life Members.

* Rev. Charles Boyton, D. D., William Henry, Esq., 1844.
1822. Matthew O'Conor, 1837.

* Hugh Ferguson, M. D., 1824. *Honorary Member.*

* Rev. Thomas Goff, 1802. Francis Baily, Esq., LL. D.,
* William Webb, Esq., 1808. F. R. S., &c., 1826.

" The distinguished name of M. Arago, Perpetual Secretary of the Academy of Sciences of Paris, has been added to the list of Honorary Members.

" The list of Honorary Members has lost a name well known to science, that of Francis Baily, Esq., late President of the Astronomical Society of London, of which he was one of the principal founders. On the worth of his character, and on the value of his services to science, it is needless to dwell, as Sir John Herschell has already done justice to them, in a Memoir read to the Society over which he presided, and which, up to the period of his death, was the object of his unceasing care and attention."

Mr. Robert Ball, on the part of the Dean of Lismore, presented the seal of the late Archbishop of Cashel.

The thanks of the Academy were voted to the Dean of Lismore.

April 14, 1845.

SIR WM. R. HAMILTON, LL.D., President, in the Chair.

Joseph Allen Galbraith, Esq., James Jameson, Esq., and John Francis Waller, Esq., were elected Members of the Academy.

READ,—The Resolution of Council passed at the meeting of 7th April, viz.